

## Presbyteries

### EASTERN TEXAS.

The Presbytery of Eastern Texas met in Coltharp church, Kennard, Texas, September 11, 1917, at 11 A. M. There were present nine ministers and nine ruling elders. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. E. P. Kennedy, D. D., from the text, Philippians 4:9.

Ruling Elder D. A. Singleton, of Lufkin, was chosen moderator, and Rev. T. H. Pollard, temporary clerk.

Mr. Horace N. Cunningham was licensed to preach the gospel, and a call from the Sour Lake church for all his time was placed in his hands.

A call for one-fourth his time was placed in the hands of Rev. S. M. Tenney, D. D., from the Brunswick church, and Mr. Tenney was allowed to hold the call for the present.

The overture from the General Assembly relative to change in Rules of Discipline, Chapter 12, general paragraph 235, providing for transfer of names of communicants to roll of non-communicants, was answered in the negative, with the following reasons stated: 1. We believe it to be inconsistent with the inherent rights of church membership. 2. We believe it will make subject to gross abuse a power which, if exercised at all, should be done very wisely. 3. We believe the form of discipline provides for such cases as evidenced by non-attendance, as either a lack of vital relation to Christ, or an evil and contentious spirit.

**Foreign Missions:** A stirring appeal was made by the chairman of Foreign Missions for more self-denial for this cause especially in view of increased cost of maintaining the work. Brief addresses were also made by Rev. Messrs. G. C. Moore, T. H. Pollard and F. E. Robbins. All our Sunday-schools were urged to take at least one share in our African mission and to make a special study of this field in line with the Assembly's seven-year plan.

**Home Missions:** This Presbytery is very decidedly Home Mission territory, most of its churches being obliged to receive financial aid from Home Mission funds. The Committee is seeking to develop these fields towards self-support by requiring a contribution from each group to the Home Mission treasury of an amount equal to at least one-third of the amount received from the Committee.

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tee. While the Presbytery at present has no Presbyterian evangelist, considerable evangelistic work has been done in the past few months.

**Systematic Benevolence:** The Presbytery adopted the budget suggested by the Assembly's Committee for the Assembly's causes the following being the amount per capita for these causes from the members of our churches: Foreign Missions, \$2.04; Home Missions, \$1.00; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, \$0.45 4-5; Publication and Sunday-school Work, \$0.11 4-5; Bible Cause, \$0.03 2-3. Our Every Member Canvass churches were urged to seek to arrange for stewardship meetings as planned by the Assembly's Committee, and all our churches were urged to make the Every Member Canvass complete for the next year.

Presbytery was delightfully entertained by the people of Kennard, and these people are specially to be commended for the way they attended the meetings of Presbytery and their interest manifested in the work of Presbytery.

The next stated meeting will be held in Sour Lake, on the second Tuesday in April at 8 P. M.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Palestine, Texas, October 16, 1917, at 2:30 P. M.

F. E. Robbins, S. C.

### TYGART'S VALLEY.

Presbytery was opened Tuesday night, September 4th, with a sermon from the retiring moderator, Rev. D. M. Stockard, from the text, Rev. 19:13. Rev. W. W. McMorries was elected moderator, which spoke good things for the meeting, for he presided with his usual gentleness, and joviality. Upon calling the roll it was discovered that every minister of the Presbytery was present except one. There were present also a goodly number of elders.

The distinctive feature of the meeting was the large number of preaching services. On Wednesday morning, although no service had been announced, a large number of people had assembled, and, upon motion, it was decided to have a sermon by a minister selected by the Devotional Committee. Rev. John McKinzie was selected, and immediately went to the pulpit, and after the singing of a hymn, preached a most excellent sermon, from James 1:26, 27. Rev. W. W. McMorries preached the sermon for the communion service on Wednesday night. On Thursday Rev. Peter Vanderham delivered a lecture on his native country, Holland. Mr. John S. Cook, preached his trial sermon before Presbytery, and Rev. W. T. Mann preached the Presbyterian sermon on the subject, "A Christian's Obligation to His God and to His Church."

Mr. John S. Cook, who is now supplying the church at Horton, Harman and Alpena, was examined and licensed to preach. Rev. James T. Pharr, who is supplying at Sutton and Burnsville, was present, and will be examined and licensed at the adjourned meeting at Elkins, October 3.

W. T. Mann, S. C.

### ORANGE.

Orange Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian church, Winston-Salem, N. C., September 18, 1917. Thirty-nine ministers and twenty-three elders were present. The Rev. T. C. Bales was elected moderator, and Revs. E. Frank Lee and T. W. Simpson temporary clerks. The Rev. Jonas Barkley was received from Mecklenburg Presbytery. He has been called by a group of four churches, viz., Hawfields, Bethlehem, Bethany and Saxapahaw. Steps were taken for the ordination and installation of Licentiate C. D. Whiteley in the churches of Durham, Second, and Blackall Memorial, Durham, N. C.

Most helpful conferences were held in connection with the reports on Sunday-schools, schools and colleges, Foreign Missions, The Sabbath and Church and Christian Education. Flora McDonald College received especial attention, and was warmly commended. Rev. Dr. Sweets, of Louisville, Ky., was present and made an excellent address on Christian Education and the great needs of Christian training and Christian influence in these troublesome times. The Home Mission report and also other reports were encouraging, in spite of the terrible facts and influences growing out of the world war.

The following persons were nominated for commissioners to the next General Assembly. Ministers, C. P. Coble, alternate, W. D. Moss; W. P. Robertson, alternate, George W. Lee; R. M. Williams, alternate, F. M. Hawley. Ruling elders, S. Strudwick, alternate, J. S. Kuykendall; J. Harvey White, alternate, A. W. McAllister; J. M. Browning, alternate, D. E. Wilkerson.

The Presbytery appointed a committee to draft a resolution to be sent to the newspapers, and to the high government officials in Washington, imploring them to use all possible efforts to guard and preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath.

The Rev. T. W. Simpson was elected permanent clerk, to assist the stated clerk.

The spring meeting will be held with Piedmont church in Alamance County, April 16, 1918.

Signed D. I. Craig, S. C.

## Marriages

**Covington-Dawson:** At Buena Vista, Va., Tuesday, September 11th, Miss Dorothy Louise Dawson was united in marriage to Mr. John Henry Covington.

**Garber-Hart:** At the residence of Mr. B. O. Dudley in Clifton Forge, Va., September 18, 1917, by the Rev. L. H. Paul, Mr. Charles Newton Garber and Mrs. Ella Lee Hart.

**Heartfield-Lee:** At the manse of the First Presbyterian church, Beaumont, Texas, September 18, 1917, by Rev. F. E. Robbins, Mr. John B. Heartfield, of Sour Lake, and Miss Mildred Lee, of Saratoga, Texas.

**Lindsey-Price:** In Newton, Miss., Monday, September 17, 1917, by Rev. J. E. West, D. D., Mr. Claude C. Lindsey and Miss Mackie Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Price, of Newton.

**Martin-Perry:** At the manse of the Second Presbyterian church, Greenville, S. C., September 15, 1917, by Rev. E. P. Davis. Mr. Carroll Finley Martin and Miss Eunice Pauline Perry, all of Greenville.

**Shirey-Rubush:** On Saturday, September 15th, at the bride's home in Buena Vista, Va., Mr. Walter Hampton Shirey and Miss Margaret Virginia Rubush, were united in marriage.

## Deaths

**North:** In New Orleans, September 17, 1917, Helen Catherine Lamerrier DuSancy, wife of the late David North, in her eighty-six year. She was born in Momville, Normandy, was a resident of New Orleans sixty-seven years, was the mother of eight children, grandmother of twenty and great-grandmother of twelve. She passed away in the faith of Christ.

### WM. H. GARBER.

At a meeting of the session of Porter Street Presbyterian church, Richmond, Virginia, held on Sunday morning, September 23, 1917, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, God, who in His infinite wisdom has the keeping of all our destinies in His hands, has called upon our brother, Elder William H. Garber, for the payment of the last debt of nature:

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Garber we have lost not only the oldest member of our session, but one of the pioneers of the church which he helped to organize.

Resolved, That as a Christian, citizen and soldier he measured up to that standard which is the admiration of all who knew him, and we feel assured that the sight of which he was deprived during the closing days of his long life has been restored, and that he can now see and understand much that is hidden from temporal vision.

Resolved, That his life has been an exemplification of that passage in the Scriptures, "Thou shall come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season," and that he now enjoys the reward of a true and faithful servant of his Master.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and one to the Presbyterial of the South for publication.

A. M. Doyle,

J. H. Purdy,

F. P. McConnell,

Committee.

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